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The Norfolk Virginian was thirty years old on Wednesday last. It has done good work for the city and State during its prosperous and honorable career in the journalistic field, and under the able management of Mr. Glendon bids fair to enjoy many more years of usefulness and success. The Times tender its congratulations to its esteemed cotemporary, and hopes it may live long and prosper.

The London Times thinks the prestige of President Cleveland has been increased by the recent Democratic defeat, and says if his party will rally around him next year as their candidate for President he may lead them to victory. The Times, of course, does not fear Caesarism in the United States; but would probably be glad to see it triumphant here, hence it can afford to be liberal and disinterested in its advice to Democrats.

WHILE the gold regions of South Africa are causing great interest and excitement in England and on the continent of Europe over the wonderful yield of the precious metal, it is comforting to Americans to learn that new discoveries of rich mines and improved processes for extracting the ore are largely increasing the gold supply in this country. This is especially true of Colorado, which bids fair to soon become as famous for its yield of gold as for its production of silver. Senator Teller, who has been inspecting the Cripple Creek gold field of that State, says: "It is the greatest gold producing section in the world." Four years ago the district had not over fifty inhabitants, whereas now there are 25,000 people in it, of whom 20,000 are men. The yield at present is estimated at \$1,000,000 a month, with a prospect of an indefinite increase in the output of the yellow metal. America is a wonderful country, truly.

The drain on the gold reserve continues. Five millions of dollars will be shipped abroad to day, and at noon yesterday the amount of the gold reserve in the United States Treasury was \$32,300,251. The near approach of the time for the reassembling of Congress seems to lessen the anxiety that would otherwise be felt among Treasury officials, although there is little expectation that the President's plan of retiring the greenbacks will be supported by that body. Something, however, must be done, and the general feeling is that Congress will devise at least some temporary plan of relief. What that body will do is hard to conjecture, for while the House is overwhelmingly Republican, the composition of the Senate is such that agreement in that body on any special line is almost impossible. Should all hope of relief from Congress fail the President will order another issue of bonds and the gold syndicate will be given an opportunity of making millions out of the necessities of the government.

THE project of a canal from the Caribbean sea to the Pacific ocean is an old one, having been before the country in one shape or another for nearly half a century, but for all this it is by no means certain that the proposed Nicaraguan waterway will be constructed within the next thirty years. The financial depression of 1893 stopped work on the canal because of the failure of the construction company; and although another corporation has been organized in Vermont, and will resume work where its predecessor left off, the fact that everything depends on whether Congress will guarantee its bonds leaves the matter still very much unsettled. In the meantime the French have resumed work at Panama, and while it is generally admitted that they will never be able to complete the canal unaided, there is nothing to prevent English capital from taking hold of the scheme and carrying on the work to a successful conclusion. If the United States desire to control the route from the Atlantic to the Pacific it is time they were taking active steps in the matter. Delay in this case might be dangerous.

THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Reaction in business there is none. Efforts to explain it or to attribute it to this or that temporary influence are all wasted. In every business, men now perceive the fact that the purchases in advance of current distribution, which were made when

prices were booming, involved of necessity a season of halting when the rise stopped, and until the actual demand for consumption has been measured. Products are lower, without disturbance or sign of panic.

The cotton market has been assisted all the week by small receipts and remarkably stiff statements of scarcity, but has gained a sixteenth, though some think short receipts were deliberately organized by planters. It begins to be a decisive fact that exports are small, partly because stocks abroad are heavy and partly because the manufacturer abroad does not find a market for the usual quantity of goods, the British being especially embarrassed.

In this country the cotton manufacturer has fared better than most others, escaping an excessive rise and the resulting decline. While some prices were marked too high when cotton was above nine cents and are now lower, most goods are held at quoted prices, and the mills generally have orders to cover work into next year, but it is becoming a question whether retail distribution has kept pace with manufacturers' orders or with sales to retailers.

Iron and steel products are lower, averaging 11 per cent. for the week. The demand for cheap boots and shoes is a shade better, but many shops are idle or working part time, and buyers generally hold off, although considerable reductions are now offered by manufacturers on men's split shoes and on grain, glove and buff polish and polka shoes. Shipments for the month are 23.7 per cent. less than last year. Leather is weaker, though only one class is quoted lower, but hides at Chicago have again declined about 2 per cent., an average relatively lower now than leather or shoes. Failures for the week have been 320 in the United States against 323 last year, and 42 in Canada against 31 last year.

EXPLANATIONS USELESS.

HARDIN, in Kentucky, and Hurst, in Maryland, did not have Cleveland's endorsement. They were defeated. Comment is unnecessary.—Exchange.

But, Campbell, in Ohio, did have Cleveland's endorsement and he was defeated. Is comment necessary?—Norfolk Pilot.

Not only not necessary, but in every way useless. The Democratic party was wallowed out of its boots all around, and that is all there is about it.—Danville Register.

DEBS A FREE MAN ONCE MORE.

The Leader of the American Railway Union Most Enthusiastically Received.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—Eugene V. Debs spoke in Central Music Hall to-night to an audience that taxed the seating and standing capacity of the hall. Most of the leading labor organizations were represented, and the reception accorded to the leader of the American Railway Union was enthusiastic in the extreme. Eight carloads of Debs' friends went down to Woodstock to greet him on his release from jail and several thousand men were at the station of the Northwestern road when the train bearing Debs and his friends arrived at 7:30 o'clock.

The reception given Debs as he stepped from the train bordered on the frantic. Hundreds of men pushed and struggled to get a grasp of his hand, many of them hugged him and some went to the length of kissing him. Finally, he was tossed upon the shoulders of four men and followed by a dense throng that never for an instant stopped its shout, he was escorted to the hall, about one mile distant. The warmth of the reception at the depot was repeated when he entered the hall, with the exception that the men were unable to get close to him and contented themselves with cheering and waving their hats.

The speech delivered by Debs was received with great applause by his audience. He commenced by saying that in the light of recent judicial proceedings he stood stripped of his constitutional rights as a free man and shorn of the most sacred prerogative of American citizenship, and what was true of himself was true of every other citizen who had the temerity to protest against corporation rule or question the absolute sway of the money power.

He then spoke at great length of "personal liberty" and in defense of the American Railway Union, saying it would have triumphed but for the interference of the federal authorities, which he characterized as "an exhibition of the debauching power of money."

FOR ANNEXATION.

The New Hawaiian Minister Will Try to Interest Congress.

HONOLULU, Nov. 22.—Minister Cooper is authority for the statement that Francis M. Hatch, the new Hawaiian minister, does not go to Washington to ask for a protectorate.

Mr. Hatch will use his best endeavors to bring the annexation question before the next Congress and high officials state that nothing else will satisfy the government.

The most important question before them is the petition asking the pardon for rebels now in prison. It is an assured fact that several will be freed on Thanksgiving. President Dole has named the 28th as Thanksgiving day.

The United States steamship Remington returned to port yesterday with Minister Willis and family on board. Mr. Willis went to Hilo and during his stay was hospitably entertained by American citizens.

Jingo Again Ahead.

NEWTON, N. C., Nov. 22.—In the field trials the first of the series of subscription stakes two hour heats was concluded to-day. The all age take winner, Jingo is far in the lead with the setter Minnie T., a close competitor for second. Jingo and Tony Boy, Delhi and Minnie T. are selected for the next series.

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ON THE HUNT FOR OFFICE.

Active Canvassing For Positions in the House of Representatives Commenced.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The canvassing for the principal offices at the disposal of the House of Representatives which opened in a slow and quiet fashion this week is becoming more animated as the time approaches for the Republican caucus, which is announced for Saturday of next week.

The elective offices of the House are those of clerk, with a salary of \$5,000; sergeant-at-arms, \$4,500; doorkeeper, \$3,500; postmaster, \$2,500; chaplain, \$900. There are from two to seven candidates for each of these places, the highest number being in the race for chaplain. A majority of the candidates for the principal places have opened headquarters in the Ebbitt House and Willard's Hotel, and their respective rooms are constantly thronged, notwithstanding comparatively few of the mob of the House have arrived, the visitors being composed largely of those who hope to secure appointive positions under the elective offices.

There are only two candidates for the House clerkship. They are ex-Congressman Thomas J. Henderson, of Illinois, and ex-Congressman Alexander McDowell, of Pennsylvania. It is claimed Mr. McDowell has the solid support of the New York and Pennsylvania delegations. This claim is made the basis of opposition on the part of Mr. Henderson's speakers, as is also the fact that the speakership is conceded to Mr. Reed, who also comes from an Eastern State.

Capt. T. H. McKee, of Indiana, secretary of the Republican congressional campaign committee, and D. Russell, of Missouri, are so far the only announced candidates for the office of sergeant-at-arms. The principal candidates for doorkeeper are Mr. Glenn, of New York, and W. L. Tipton, of Tennessee. Glenn has been identified with New York State politics for some years and Tipton is the editor of a newspaper at Cleveland, Tenn.

Henry Sherwood, so far, is the only pronounced candidate for the House postmastership. He hails from Michigan. Of the seven candidates for chaplain, six are Washington preachers. The one outsider in the list is Rev. Mr. Fisher, of Kansas. The patronage of the House consists, outside of clerks of committees and clerks of members of 1865 places, the average of the salaries paid being \$1,125. All the places except those named are filled by appointment.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

An Ordinance Validating Divorces in Certain Cases Adopted.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 22.—Notwithstanding the positive refusal of the convention about a month ago to recognize divorces in any manner, shape or form, it took action to-night which validates in this State divorces granted in other States to a certain extent. Senator Tillman, in introducing a section on the subject as an amendment to the judiciary article read a letter received by him from a lady who stated that she had married a divorced man in Maryland and had come to this State to live.

Not until her first-born child came did she know that under the laws of this State it was a bastard, and she made a pathetic appeal to him to have the law changed if possible. He introduced an ordinance providing that courts should recognize divorces granted heretofore or hereafter in other States of the Union, provided that the marriage actually took place outside of the State and one of the parties was neither a native of the State nor at the time of the ceremony was a citizen of it.

It was adopted almost without dissent, only two or three negatives being heard in the viva voce vote. Its passage legitimizes hundreds of children in the State. The judiciary article received its second reading to-night. The only changes of importance, besides making the supreme court consist of four judges instead of three, to serve eight years instead of six, was granting the power to the legislature to establish county courts.

The St. Louis Guarantee.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 22.—The Business Men's League of St. Louis this afternoon issued an address to members of the National Republican committee notifying them that a committee of twenty-five citizens of this city would attend the meeting at Washington, December 10, with a guarantee for all expenses connected with the National convention. The league claims to have pledges from two-thirds of the members of the committee, with enough second choice promises from among San Francisco advocates, to secure the convention for St. Louis. The finance committee has called a mass meeting for December 2, when the fund will be completed.

Minister Adjudged Insane.

BOSTON, Nov. 22.—Rev. Frank Hyatt Smith was to-day adjudged insane by Judge Nelson at the close of a hearing in the United States circuit court. He will be sent to the United States hospital for the insane at Washington as soon as necessary preparations can be made. Mr. Smith was recently indicted for sending scurrilous and defamatory postal cards to members of his former church in Cambridge, the North Avenue Congregational, who had favored a change of pastors. The government did not contest Smith's plea of insanity, as both its medical experts admitted the fact, and advised that the defendant be sent to an asylum.

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Great Interest Manifested in the Revival Services There.

The attendance at the First Presbyterian Church last night was large and deep interest was manifested in the services. The sermons of Dr. Hawes, the evangelist, are making a profound impression on all who hear them.

He took for his text last night I Timothy 1:14, "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant, with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

He said these words were spoken by the Apostle Paul, who was suddenly converted. God wanted him, and when God called he responded and asked God what He wished him to do. People wish to get better before they come to Christ. Men demand of those who would enter their employ good character and make inquiry about it. God does not save a man because a man is good, but because he is not good. He came to call sinners to repentance.

This effort upon the part of sinners to get better before they come to God and his excuse they make for not coming to him, because they are not good enough, is foolish. What would you think of a sick man who was aware of his illness because he was not well enough. Men think they must reform themselves before they come to Christ. The only true reformation is that which springs from belief and trust in Christ.

One may be very sinful. He may be very unkind to God's service, but let God into that life and He can make you as effective in your sphere as Paul was in his. As a sinner a man gives his influence for sin, but when God comes into the life the influence is for righteousness and truth.

God sends his messenger to beg the sinner to come to Him. Paul would take him by the hand and said, "Come, my brother, He saved me He will save you." God says to every man, "Son give me thine heart." God can make that hard and forbidding heart as beautiful and fragrant as a flower. Then turn it as it is, up to God to be watered by his sunshine and dew and that life will burst forth as beautiful as a rose.

A number remained to talk with the minister, among them several grown men. The pastor announced service this afternoon at 3:30. No service to-night. On Sunday preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock a service for young people will be held, and at that time the pastor will baptize any little children who may be presented.

OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

No Material Increase in Numbers and Tonnage in the Past Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—The annual report of the bureau of navigation shows that the numbers and tonnage of our merchant fleet for the year have been nearly stationary. On June 30 it comprised 23,340 documented vessels, of 4,635,960 tons, a decrease of 50,000 tons since June 30, 1894. This decrease is attributable to business inactivity two summers ago, the production of our ship yards in April, May and June this year much exceeding the production during the same months in 1894.

The chief events have been the initial trips of the St. Louis and St. Paul. Our fleet on the Great Lakes alone outnumbered the fleet of any nation except England and Germany. The report is devoted chiefly to recommendations for the repeal of many of our navigation laws of the last century, which were copied verbatim by the earliest Congresses from the laws of King George III., of England. Commissioner Chamberlain points out that every other nation long ago repealed those laws, and we alone retain them as a handicap to our merchant marine.



W. G. Skinner is one of the best known men in Wakefield, Mass. He is a war veteran and everybody's friend. He says: "I had rheumatism and was in poor health a long time. Indications pointed towards the accumulation of impurities in the blood and germs of disease. I was constipated and had no appetite. I evidently needed a good blood purifier and decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It made a change all through my system, gave me an appetite and worked effectively on my blood. I am now perfectly well, my blood has been put in good order, thanks to Hood's." W. G. SKINNER.

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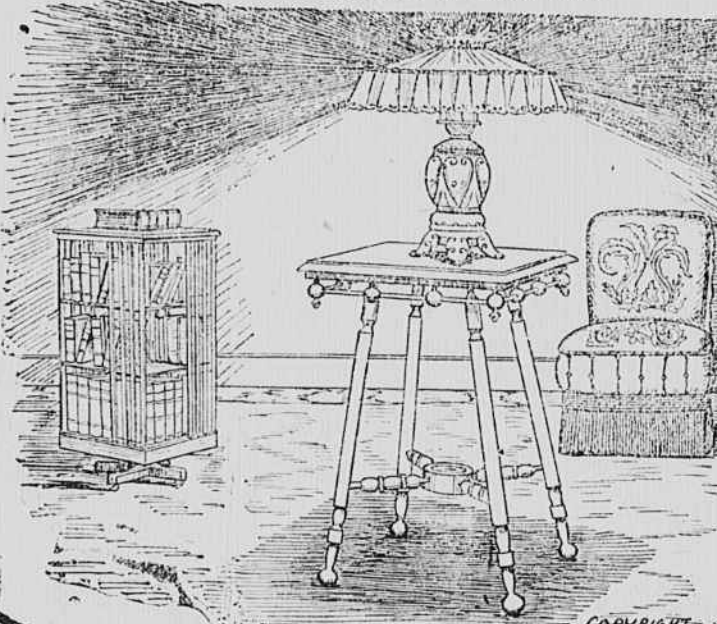
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